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Application of:

Examiner: LoAn H. Thanh

Pacetti, Stephen

Serial No.: 09/406,473

Art Unit: 3763

Filed: September 27, 1999

Title: Drug Diffusion Barriers for a Catheter Assembly

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Examiner Thanh:

This response, and accompanying request for continued examination, addresses the Final Office Action mailed on March 15, 2002, that had a shortened statutory period for response that ended on June 15, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a two month extension of time, extending the period to respond to August 15, 2002.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-15, 48-51, and 54-65 have been amended as indicated below. Claims 66-78 have been added.

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1. (Amended Twice) A medical kit, comprising:

(a) a stent carrying a therapeutic substance which can be delivered to a subject;

and